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ATTENTION: JUSTICE T.R. BERGER
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Dear Mr. Berger,

The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers which is the coordinating agency of the eleven Provincial and Territorial Associations of Professional Engineers in Canada, and acts as the spokesman for the 85,000 registered professional engineers in this country, met in Montreal, May 20th and 21st and reviewed the matter of its position with respect to the Commission of Inquiry on the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline.

It was the decision of the Board of Directors of the Council to endorse the submission made to your Commission by the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta in a document dated May 17th, 1976.

This position has already been presented to your Commission on Inquiry.

It is the wish of the Council, speaking on behalf of the engineering profession in Canada, to state clearly that it strongly supports the early approval of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline project, thus avoiding a crisis in planning and thereby permitting the achievement of a balanced solution to problems involving native rights - environmental protection - economic stability and a controlled reduction in the impact of the energy crisis - for the benefit of all Canadians.

The Council has also come out firmly in favour of Canadian input into this Canadian development. This can also result in the development of engineering expertise,

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putting Canada in an advantageous trading position to obtain knowledge in areas dealing with northern living environment. A recent example of the spin-off which can result to the benefit of all Canadians was the trading of Canadian expertise in the area of northern drilling with the U.S.S.R. by the Canadian Drilling and Research Association. Significant advances, recognized internationally, have also been made by Canadians in the first method developed to predict a rate in an amount of frost heave, analysis of slope stability and soil creep and general river engineering.

This Council strongly supported the position taken by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, the Hon. Judd Buchanan, on July 25th of last year, in the House of Commons with respect to the Canadian content in the development of Canada lands in the north.

Copies of the statement "What is CCPE?", the Alberta submission to your Commission, and the Press Release concerning Mr. Buchanan's statement is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

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Acting General Manager.

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